THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Illegal Collection of Money for Parking Vehicles in Delhi

4050. SHRI J. S. RAJU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of illegal collection of money for parking vehicles in different parts of the capital, particularly in connaught place area; and

(b) what action has been taken by Government to save people from getting cheated this way?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) Following a complaint that certain persons were charging parking fees and issuing fake/bogus parking slips, a case u/s 419/420/468/471/34 I.P.C. was registered at P. S. Tilak Marg on 13 July, 93 and six persons have been arrested.

Proxy War by Pakistan in J & K

4051. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan has recently escalated its "proxy war" in J & K and adopted what is known as "Afghanistan Model" and also introduced more lethal and sophisticated weapons like 12.7 mm heavy machine guns and SVD Dragnov Sniper rifles; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to counter the increasing tempo of the "proxy war" and prevent it from becoming cost prohibitive for India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) It is a fact that Pakistan has been supporting large scale terrorism in the State of Jammu & Kashmir, and continues to try and infiltrate trained militants and sophisticated and heavy weaponry, such as sniper rifles (including SVD Dragnov rifles) mortars and heavy machine guns, etc. Vigil has been stepped up both on the LOC/border and in the interior areas. Steps have also been taken to bring in greater coordination and integration in the operations of the Security Forces with a view to optimising the effort and maximising the results.

Vulnerability of the Srinagar—Jammu Highway

4052. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Srinagar—Jammu Highway, which is the only effective link between the summer and winter capitals of the State, has recently become vulnerable;

(b) the number of times para-military convoys and other vehicles have been attacked/ambushed during the period 1st April, 1993 to 15th July, 1993; and

(c) what special steps are being taken by Government to make travel on this road safe?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) As per information made available by the State Government, ten attacks on the security forces which include explosions/random firing/cross firing, have taken place on the National Highway between Jammu and Srinagar during this period. Being a vital link, arrangements for security along the National Highway between Jammu and Srinagar are being continuously reviewed and monitored.

Increasing Employment Opportunity in J & K

4053. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently taken a number of decision to revive industry and increase employment opportunity in J & K; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the decisions and their financial implications?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Government is keen to put an end to militancy and restore normalcy in the State at the earliest. In order to bring the misguided youth into the mainstream, efforts are being made to create more employment opportunities for them. Discussions were recently held with Central Govt. Ministries/Departments with a view to opening up employment opportunities in various Central Organisations, both in the State and in other parts of the country. Discussions have also been held in Delhi and Srinagar with various Central and State Govt. officials and banks, etc. with a view to removing bottlenecks and stepping up the progress of developmental works in various sec-